

REMARKS

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed in the application on January 13, 2009 and the Decision on Appeal. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejections against claims 26, 33, 34, 43, 47 and 48. The Board reversed all rejections against claims 35, 36, 39-42, 44-46, and 49. The Office Action of July 27, 2005 had previously indicated Claims 27-32, 37, 38, and 50 as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 26 and 43 are canceled by the Action and claims 33, 34, 47 and 48 are cancelled herein. Claims 27, 29, 35, 44, and 49 are amended herein to independent form (claim 26 incorporated into claims 27, 29, and 35; claim 33 incorporated into claim 35, and claim 43 incorporated into claims 44 and 49). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 27-32, 35-42, 44-46, and 49-50 in view of the foregoing amendments.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments to claims 27, 29, 35, 44, and 49 herein should be entered by the Examiner because the amendments are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings and do not add any new matter to the application. These amendments were suggested by Examiner in the Action, and in the Office Action of July 27, 2005.

CONCLUSION

Claims 27-32, 35-42, 44-46, and 49-50 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully submitted. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues exist which might be resolved by a telephone conference, they are respectfully invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee for three additional independent claims, and any other fees or underpayments of fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account Number 50-4071. Applicant is a large entity.

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